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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS

On page 4 of the specification before the fifth complete paragraph which begins "A transporter according to figure 1", please insert the following section heading:

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel all pending claims and rewrite them as new claims 20-36 as follows:

20. A material carrier including a transporter for transporting material between said material carrier and a material destination situated at a busy location which is difficult to access, wherein the transporter comprises:

a frame part,

a support platform which is displaceable upward and downward relative to the frame part between an elevated position and a lowered position, wherein

a floor of said material carrier is provided with a recess substantially vertically accessible, and

the support platform corresponds to a peripheral profile of the recess so that at least a part of the upper surface of the support platform serves as a part of the floor of the material carrier.

21. The carrier according to claim 20 in which the transporter is provided with fixing means for fastening the transporter to the material carrier when the support platform is fitted in the floor of the material carrier.



29. The carrier as claimed in claim 20, further comprising transporting means, preferably a pallet truck, which transporting means can be releasably coupled to the transporter.

30. The carrier as claimed in claim 20, wherein the fork element is displaceable up and downward by means of a piston rod mechanism mounted between the fork element and the frame part.

31. The carrier as claimed in claim 20, wherein the support comprises two protruding upper forks which are provided with locking holes.

32. The carrier as claimed in claim 20, comprising a locking mechanism which comprises two mutually opposite pivotable locking nose elements which are pivotable between a first locking position, wherein the nose elements extend into the holes of the upper forks of the transporter, and a second release position.

33. A method for transporting goods using a material carrier, comprising the steps of driving the material carrier to a parking area suitable for the purpose, placing the goods to be unloaded on the platform of a transporter, displacing the fork elements of the transporter downward until they come into contact with the ground, removing the transporter from the carrier opening and displacing the transporter platform downward, whereafter the transporter and the goods can be displaced to the desired location.

34. A method for transporting goods using a material carrier, comprising the steps of:

placing cargo from a loading space of the material carrier onto a transporter of which the top side of a support platform is smoothly accessed from the floor of the loading spaces;

displacing the transporter downward; and

driving away transporting means releasably coupled to the transporter.

35. A method for transporting goods using a transporter, for transporting material between a material carrier and a material destination, wherein the transporter comprises a frame part, a support platform which is displaceable upward and downward on the frame part between elevated position and a lowered position, wherein, when lowered into an intermediate position, the support platform has a substantially flush connection, to the surface of the cargo container of the material carrier, comprising the steps of driving the freight carrier to a parking area suitable for the purpose, placing the goods to be unloaded on the platform of the transporter over said flush connection, removing the transporter from the material carrier and displacing the transporter platform downward, whereafter the transporter and the goods can be displaced to the desired location.

36. The method as claimed in claim 35, further comprising steps for placing the support platform of the transporter in a recess of a floor of the loading area of the material carrier.